



Connecticut Chapter

**H.B. No. 6791 (RAISED) AN
ACT CONCERNING
WORKERS' WAGES AT LARGE
CORPORATIONS.**

The Connecticut Chapter of The Homecare Association of America is opposed to House Bill 6791 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' WAGES AT LARGE CORPORATIONS.

While not stated as the intended purpose, this proposal cannot be viewed in any way other than a tax.

To force raising wage rates assumes that the employer can afford to pay it and therefore that the economy can afford it.

The title of this bill concerns "workers' wages at large corporations" and incorrectly includes a majority of the state's small business. As franchises are individually owned by small business people, the target of this legislation is the backbone of American and Connecticut businesses.

To segregate franchises owned by small business owners is discriminating among competitors based upon the brand name associated with that business. Implementing this legislation will create unfair competitive advantage bestowed upon non franchise associated business.

If a business is penalized for not paying a specific pay rate and that rate is unsustainable in the businesses market then the state will force the demise of that business.

To add this burden upon business continues a ruinous pattern of legislation in Connecticut that will force the demise of small business, discourage anyone considering doing business in the state and convince any business owner that has the ability to move out of the state, thereby creating even more problems for those that remain.

Connecticut has just implemented the first of several minimum wage increases which will ramp up to \$10.10 by 2017. Why should we have dueling minimum wage rates?
